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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.								
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Prior Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim priority under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim priority under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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